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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TOURE'S VISIT LAGOS

NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR UCHUNO, WHO SAT IN ON SUBSTANTIVE TALKS
SEKOU TOURE HAD DURING HIS VISIT IN LAGOS LAST MONTH, TELLS
US THAT THE VISIT WENT WELL FROM NIGERIAN POINT OF VIEW.
OBASANJO AND COMPANY "EMPHASIZED THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE"
AND BROUGHT TOURE AROUND TO A MORE MODERATE POSITION ON A
NUMBER OF ISSUES. ALTHOUGH TOURE DOES NOT LIKE MUZOREWA AND
WAS SKEPTICAL OF US/UK EFFORTS TO REACH A RHODESIAN SOLUTION,
HE AGREED TO GO ALONG WITH FMG POSITION IN SUPPORT OF THESE
EFFORTS. PARTIES ALSO AGREED ON SUPPORT OF SWAPO. UCHUNO
COMPLETELY DISCOUNTED TOURE'S REPORTED SUGGESTION RE
ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AFRICAN MILITARY FORCE; NIGERIA IS NOT
ABOUT TO SUPPORT SUCH AN EFFORT. IN SUM, UCHUNO FELT TOURE
(WHO HE SAID WAS IMPRESSED BY THE LAGOS "FLYOVERS") HAD
BEEN BROADENED BY THE EXPERIENCE AND HAD PROVED FLEXIBLE AND
MORE PRAGMATIC THAN EXPECTED. CROSBY

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